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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are each an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**REMOVAL OF SULFUR FROM A HYDROCARBON THROUGH A  
SELECTIVE MEMBRANE**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

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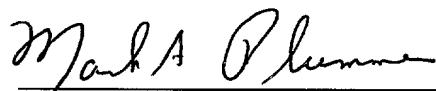
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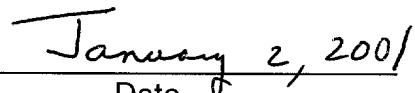
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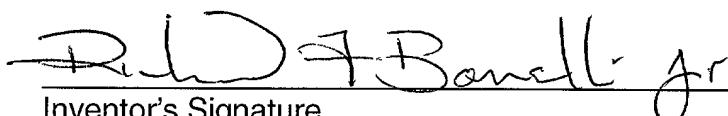
  
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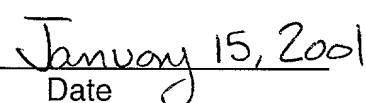
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